Licensing of Engineers and Pilots, Air Traffic Regulations, Aerodromes and General Conditions of flying. These norms are applicable to all airlines operators.

(b) During the last six months, safety audit team of DGCA carried out detailed safety audit of two private airlines viz. East West Airlines and Jagson Airlines. The deficiencies pointed out by DGCA were communicated to the concerned airlines for remedial measures/compliance. The compliance is being monitored by DGCA.

Publications of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

*338. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of publications brought out by the Ministry during the year 1995-96;

(b) the steps taken to ensure their proper distribution;

(c) the reasons for these publications not being supplied in schools and colleges; and

(d) the steps to be taken to ensure their supply in schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The names of the publications brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the year 1995 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 50]

(b) The priced publications of this Ministry are sold through a network of Sales Emporia owned by the Publications Division and a number of agents/book sellers spread all over the country.

The non priced publications/print material is distributed through Field offices of this Ministry and also by direct mailing.

(c) and (d) The Publications Division has a list of 300 libraries and 1050 schools, colleges and universities to whom information about its publications are sent and books are sold on demand.

The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) normally sends its publications to schools and colleges.

Norms for telecasting epic serials

*339. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms set for telecasting epic serials on Doordarshan; and

(b) whether Government will come forward to serialise and telecast 'Silappathikaaram' an ancient classic drama in Tamil?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The norms for telecasting epic serials are the same as applicable to other serials.

(b) Doordarshan has just concluded telecast of a serial 'Upasana' based on 'Silappthikaaram'.

Setting up of new air customs divisions

*340. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air customs divisions set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to open new air customs divisions in the country; and

(c) if so, the names of the places

identified for locations of new air customs divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) There are no Air Customs Divisions in the country as such. However, there are four major customs Houses at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin and Seven Customs Commissionerates at Bangalore, Bombay Airport, Delhi, Goa, New Kandla, Nhava Sheva (JNPT) and Vishakhapatnam apart from other Customs (Preventive) Commissionerates.

International Airports at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Trivandrum, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Calicut, Amritsar, Varanasi, Patna, etc., handle passenger traffic. Certain other airports in various States have also been notified under the Customs Act, 1962 as International Airports for loading/unloading of export/import cargo.

There are 17 Air Cargo Complexes in the country at various places as detailed below:—

1. Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
2. Amritsar (Punjab)
3. Bangalore (Karnataka)
4. Cochin (Kerala)
5. Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)
6. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
7. Srinagar (J&K)
8. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
9. Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
10. Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
11. Delhi (Delhi)
12. Bombay (Maharashtra)
13. Madras (Tamil Nadu)
14. Calcutta (West Bengal)
15. Trivandrum (Kerala)
16. Bhubaneswar (Orissa)
17. Dalalim (Goa)

The proposals have been received for setting up of new Air Cargo Complexes at Indore, Kozhikode, Patna, Gwalior, Nagpur and Raipur.

विदेशी पर्यटक

2199. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटक भारत आए;

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने हेतु सरकार ने क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया था;

(ग) इस लक्ष्य को कहां तक प्राप्त किया गया है; और

(घ) विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, (पाकिस्तान और बंगलादेश) के नागरिकों को शामिल करते हुए, पर्यटक आगमन नीचे दिए गए अनुसार हैं:

वर्ष	पर्यटक आगमन
1992-93	18,20,239
1993-94	18,71,262
1994-95	19,07,320

(ख) और (ग) आठवीं योजनावधि के प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान पर्यटक आगमनों में 9% से 10% की वृद्धि के लक्ष्य की परिकल्पना की गई थी। तथापि, योजनावधि के प्रथम तीन वर्षों के दौरान लगभग 2.3% वृद्धि ही प्राप्त हुई थी। लक्ष्य, मुख्यतः पर्यटन का प्रजनन करने वाले कुछ देशों में आवागमन में मंदी और कुछ आंतरिक समस्याओं तथा अयोध्या की घटना, बम्बई में बम विस्फोट, एअर लाइनों में हड़ताल स्वास्थ्य संकटों आदि के कारण प्राप्त नहीं हो पाया था चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान लक्षित वृद्धि प्राप्त करने की संभावना है।

(घ) विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में पर्यटन की आधारभूत सुविधाओं में सुधार, पर्यटक स्थलों का विकास और प्रचार तथा संवर्धनात्मक प्रयास शामिल हैं।